

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A catalyst for selectively oxidizing carbon monoxide in reformed gas with oxygen gas, the catalyst comprising a porous carrier, and ruthenium and/or platinum particles carried by said porous carrier,

wherein said porous carrier consists substantially of α -alumina, does not contain θ -alumina, and the purity of said alumina is 99.95% or above.

2. (currently amended): The catalyst as set forth in claim 1, wherein ~~a~~ the particle diameter of said ruthenium and/or platinum is 5 to 200 Å ~~or below~~.